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Docket No. UT-960659

UNITED & INFORMED CITIZEN ADVOCATES NETWORK v. PACIFIC NORTHWEST BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Third Supplemental Order

COMMISSION DECISION AND ORDER GRANTING INTERLOCUTORY REVIEW OF ORDER; AFFIRMING SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Although residential customers of a telecommunications company may "donate" the use of their telephone line subscriptions to a non-profit corporation, that does not confer standing upon the corporation to complain of service interruption or discontinuance.

The Commission has jurisdiction to order payment of telecommunications access charges as provided by tariff.

Where a non-profit corporation operates a telecommunications system not for its own use as a non-profit corporation, but for the personal use of its individual members, it does not operate a "private telecommunications system" within the meaning of RCW 80.04.010.

The proper forum for determining whether a particular entity is subject to direct Commission regulation is a classification proceeding. The Commission will not make such a determination via summary disposition when the record is controverted and incomplete.

The Commission will not require a telecommunications service provider to provide customized call management features to customers who misuse those features to unlawfully bypass the access charge system for Extended Area Services calling.

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Docket No. UT-971158

MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, INC. v. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR SUMMARY DETERMINATION

The Commission will not go outside the express terms or ignore the effective dates of telecommunications companies' negotiated interconnection agreements to resolve disputes that arise in connection with implementation of the agreements.